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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 22, 2008;**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

In reply to the final Office action mailed May 22, 2008, for which a response is due on August 22, 2008, please enter the following amendment and consider the remarks in connection with the above-identified pending patent application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is hereby made. A one month request for extension of time is hereby made.

Amendments to the claims start on page 2.

Remarks start on page 8.

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